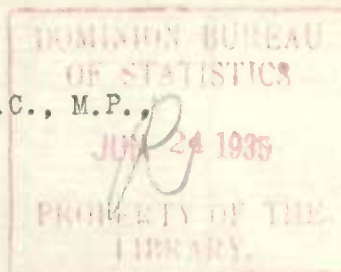


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FRUIT REPORT NO.1.

Ottawa, June 22, 1935.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Provincial Departments of Agriculture to-day issued a report showing the condition of fruit crops in Canada and preliminary estimates of the production.

Note:- Where condition figures are quoted in the following reports, the basis is as follows: 1-poor; 2-below average; 3-average; 4-above average; 5-exceptionally good.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.- Tree fruits and small fruits wintered satisfactorily throughout Prince Edward Island. The damage sustained during the winter of 1933-34 has resulted in further losses in trees that were only partially affected last year. Some winter-killing of strawberries in exposed positions is reported but the loss is small. Low temperatures have delayed growth to a certain extent but crops developed favourably during the first two weeks in June. Prospects for fruit production are generally satisfactory with some reservations in respect to strawberries. Production of fruits in Prince Edward Island is largely for local consumption.

NOVA SCOTIA.- Fruit trees wintered well in Nova Scotia. Some loss is reported but this is largely due to the damage sustained during the preceding winter season. Small fruits came through the winter in a satisfactory manner. A cold, late spring retarded early development but more favourable weather conditions during blossom period improved prospects for apples and small fruits. Bloom was heavy and a good set is indicated. Insects and disease are apparently well under control and no damage from frost has been reported. Prospects for cherries and plums are good. Strawberries show a heavy bloom and prospects indicate a material increase over last year's crop.

The following table shows the condition of varieties of apples, cherries and plums:

Gravenstein.....	3.3	Ben Davis.....	3.0
King.....	3.2	Stark.....	3.3
Ribston.....	3.8	Cherries.....	3.0
Blenheim.....	3.0	Plums.....	3.2

NEW BRUNSWICK.- Weather conditions have been generally satisfactory, although development was retarded somewhat by dry, cool weather in May. Warm rains in June have improved prospects for the apple crop and a heavy set is indicated especially for McIntosh. There is no evidence of injury from insects or fungus. There is little evidence of injury during the past winter, but the damage of the severe winter of 1933-34 is clearly evidenced. Strawberry plants suffered somewhat from winter-killing in some districts but prospects for the crop are good, although development is somewhat late.

The following table shows the condition of varieties of apples, cherries and plums:

McIntosh.....	3.4	Alexander.....	3.0
Wealthy.....	3.1	Dudley.....	3.0
Fameuse.....	2.8	Other varieties.....	3.0
Bishop Pippin.....	2.7	Cherries.....	3.0
Wolf River.....	3.0	Plums.....	3.1

QUEBEC.- Drought, which retarded development in the early part of the growing season was broken in the latter part of May. Weather conditions since then have been favourable for blossoming and pollination. Apples are reported to have set well. Crop prospects are good for early apples and McIntosh, rather poor for Wealthy and other fall apples and very poor for Fameuse. The poor quality of the crop is due to winter injury suffered in 1933-34 rather than to present growing conditions. Some local damage from winter-killing of strawberry plants is reported in the Montreal district. Bloom is generally good but recent heavy rains are threatening the quality of the crop. Picking has begun in the Montreal region but will not be under way for about ten days in the Quebec district.

ONTARIO.- Cool weather at the beginning of the season retarded the development of fruit crops but recently conditions have been more satisfactory for growth. Heavy precipitation was general throughout the Province on June 14-17. The strawberry crop will be 100% larger than last year in some of the producing districts, and for the Province as a whole an increase of 80% is estimated. The acreage of new plantings last year was only sufficient to counteract the acreage of old patches which would have been carried over to this spring but were winter-killed in 1934.

The production of raspberries this year is estimated at 35% increase over last year. Some drying out of raspberry canes at the top is reported, but generally prospects are quite favourable.

Winter-killing of apple orchards was only of average proportions in western Ontario, but in eastern Ontario a considerable amount of damage is showing up in orchards this spring in addition to the injury received in the winter of 1933-34. Although the apple crop will be considerably under average, the total yield will show good improvement over last year. In eastern Ontario, Baldwins, Starks and Ben Davis promise very light crops. McIntosh prospects are above average in both eastern and western Ontario. Most early varieties of apples had a good showing of blossoms.

Cherries and plums had a very light bloom in eastern Ontario. In western Ontario all varieties of sour cherries have a heavy set of fruit, with sweet varieties showing light to heavy. European plums promise a heavy yield, but Japanese varieties have only a light set. Pears show little change in prospects from a year ago: Duchess are light; Bartletts, quite patchy, with a light to medium set and other varieties may be described as medium.

Peaches show a tremendous improvement over last year and all varieties are going to have a heavy crop.

Grape vineyards appear in good condition and an average crop, slightly below last year, is expected. The final outturn of grapes in 1934 was considerably above early estimates due to favourable weather conditions during the latter half of the growing season.

Condition June 15, 1935.

Baldwins.....	2.1	Cherries.....	2.8
Ben Davis.....	1.5	Peaches.....	4.2
Greenings.....	2.5	Pears.....	2.3
McIntosh.....	3.6	Plums.....	3.2
Spys.....	2.6	Grapes.....	3.0
Starks.....	2.0		

BRITISH COLUMBIA.- All fruit crops have suffered from the prolonged drought in May and early June, which was particularly severe on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, although the interior fruit valleys have also suffered. Light rains have improved conditions. Some frost damage to strawberries in the Fraser River Valley was reported on May 24. Raspberries, loganberries and blackberries are promising. Apples, pears and plums appear to be generally setting well and crop prospects are satisfactory in most districts although yields will be affected by early-season conditions.

Preliminary Estimates of Production.

	<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>	1935 (quarts)	1934 (quarts)
Strawberries		568,000	325,000
	<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>		
Strawberries		1,100,000	1,000,000
Raspberries		41,000	37,500
	<u>QUEBEC</u>		
Strawberries		5,595,000	5,890,000
	<u>ONTARIO</u>		
Strawberries		12,156,000	6,753,660
Raspberries		2,451,000	1,815,750
	<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>		
		(crates)	(crates)
Strawberries		545,000	398,900
Raspberries		157,000	143,100

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